



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Nebraska State Patrol, and FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Daniel A. Nieto, age 46 of Omaha, was sentenced for possessing child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Nieto to ten years in prison. There is no parole in the federal system. After his release from prison Nieto will begin a ten year term of supervised release.

On August 5, 2010, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and other members of the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force served a search warrant at Nieto's residence. Agents seized 2 compact disks from a stand near Nieto's bed. The disks contained ten videos of child pornography.

Nieto was on probation as a result of an Iowa conviction for Lascivious Acts with a Child. Because of his prior conviction involving sexual abuse, he faced a mandatory minimum ten year sentence for possession child pornography.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

This matter was investigated by the Omaha FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force, of which the Nebraska State Patrol, and Douglas County Sheriff's Office is a partner. The Omaha CCTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of eleven federal, state and local law enforcement agencies from Nebraska and Iowa. The mission of the Omaha CCTF is to investigate and apprehend high technology criminals and to protect our communities by preventing high technology crime and national security threats involving computers and computer networks. The Omaha CCTF was established on the premise that the capabilities of law enforcement agencies to

investigate computer and high technology related crimes are enhanced in a task force setting involving the sharing of resources and expertise.

Name of Defendant: Daniel A. Nieto

AKA:

Age: 46

City of residence: Omaha, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Possession of child pornography, 10-20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, not less than 5 years and up to life of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 5th day of August, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: October 7, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: September 22, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: October 7, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plead guilty on January 19, 2011

Sentencing Date: April 19, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett III

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: October 7, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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